Discharge of industrial wastes in Yamuna

†3777. SHRIMATIPREMACARIAPPA:

SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that polluted water and industrial waste was discharged in Eastern Yamuna Canal by Haryana on 12th February, 2003;

(b) whether it is also a fact that quantum of pollution was so much that Delhi Jal Board as forced to close its Haiderpur and Nangloi Water Treatment Plant;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against Government of Haryana; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid reoccurrence of such incident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) As reported by the Delhi Jal Board, the Water Treatment Plants at Haiderpur and Nangloi had to be closed due to high ammonia content in the raw water of Western Yamuna Canal due to discharge of municipal sewage and wastewater from industries in Haryana.

(c) and (d) To control pollution in Western Yamuna Canal, the Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the polluting industries. Directions have also been issued to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board to control pollution in the canal.

Cleaning of Yamuna river

3778. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Government gave a grant of Rs. 600 crore for cleaning up Yamuna river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that substantial amount has been spent but Yamuna remains as polluted as before;

(c) the amount of money spent and the details of cleaning work completed so far; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) when the entire work of cleaning Yamuna river is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) The Japan Bank for International Cooperation gave Financial assistance of Yen 17.77 billion as a soft loan for the pollution abatement of river Yamuna under the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP)Phase-I.

(b) and (c) Under this project, a total expenditure of Rs. 668 crore has been incurred on pollution abatement works in Haryana, Delhi and U.P. Of this, the amount spent in Haryana is Rs. 218 crore, in Delhi Rs. 180 crore and in U.P. Rs. 270 crore. The major works implemented under YAP Phase-I are:

—	Sewerage	— 170kms.
—	Main Pumping Station	— 60nos.
—	Sewage treatment plants	— 32 nos. (734 mid)
—	Community Toilets	— 1123 nos. (out of which 960 toilet complexes have been constructed in Delhi).

In addition, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also taken up the work of construction of sewage treatment plants at 17 locations. Despite these works, the water quality of Yamuna has not shown appreciable improvement particularly along Delhi due to the following reasons:

(i) As against the present sewage generation of 3300 mid, the installed sewage treatment capacity is 2300 mid. Thus, there is a gap of 1000 mid in the sewage treatment capacity, (ii) Out of about 130 km. length of trunk sewer, about 90 km. length requires refurbishing and rehabilitation as the sewers are either silted up or settled. As a result, the installed capacity of sewage treatment plant is not fully utilized and the untreated sewage is discharged in the river through various drains. (iii) Out of a total of 15 common effluent treatment plants to be constructed in 21 industrial estates, only 3 have been completed so far. The remaining ones are targeted for completion by December, 2003.

(iv) Lack of dilution capacity in the river particularly along Delhi.

(d) The work of cleaning of Yamuna river, specially in Delhi can be completed only after the installation of the additional sewage treatment capacity

of 1000 mid, refurbishment and rehabilitation of the defunct trunk sewer, completion of all the common effluent treatment plants and maximum use of treated sewage for horticulture/agriculture in the absence of dilution capacity in the river.

Illegal construction in Northern ridge in Delhi

3779. SHRIABUASIMAZMI:

SHRIAMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2103 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 2002 and state :

(a) whether Government have since received any report from the Central Vigilance Commission regarding the illegal construction in Northern ridge in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the official who had ordered the said construction which resulted in the loss of Rs. 2.60 lakh?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Poaching of Tigers for Medicines

3780. DR KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a tiger census has been taken recently regarding tigers within the tiger project and also in forests outside the reserves;

(b) if so, what are the results of this census;

(c) whether poaching of tigers for body parts to be used in Chinese medicines has assumed formidable dimensions; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to prevent this illegal trade?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Tiger estimation